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# Office Action Summary

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, such period shall, by default, expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).

## Status

- ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on in after 3/3/2000
- ☐ This action is **FINAL**.
- ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, **prosecution as to the merits is closed** in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

## Disposition of Claims

- ☒ Claim(s) 1-24 is/are pending in the application.
- Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- ☒ Claim(s) 1-24 is/are rejected.
- ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction or election requirement.

## Application Papers

- ☐ See the attached Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.
- ☐ The proposed drawing correction, filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is ☐ approved ☐ disapproved.
- ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to by the Examiner.
- ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

## Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 (a)-(d)

- ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
- ☐ All ☐ Some\* ☐ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been received.
- ☐ received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 1.7.2(a)).

\*Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_

## Attachment(s)

- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ Notice of Reference(s) Cited, PTO-892
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948
- ☐ Interview Summary, PTO-413
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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## DETAILED ACTION

### *Pending Claims*

The pending claims in the instant application are 1-24. The independent claims are 1 and 20.

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102*

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kalamazoo Holdings, Inc. (WO 93/00015).

Kalamazoo Holding, Inc. discloses a composition comprising micronized L-ascorbic acid particles used in cosmetics which are topically applied for the stabilization of essential oils (see Abstract, page 1, lines 5-8, page 5, lines 16-28, page 6, lines 5-9, page 9, lines 21-27, page 10, lines 15-18, page 11, lines 5-18 and lines 24-26 and page 33, lines 9-25).

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*Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103*

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 1, 13-16, 18, 20 and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kalamazoo Holdings, Inc. (WO 93/00015).

Kalamazoo Holding, Inc. discloses a composition comprising micronized L-ascorbic acid particles used in cosmetics which are topically applied for the stabilization of essential oils (see Abstract, page 1, lines 5-8, page 5, lines 16-28, page 6, lines 5-9, page 9, lines 21-27, page 10, lines 15-18, page 11, lines 5-18 and lines 24-26 and page 33, lines 9-25). Kalamazoo Holding, Inc. does not disclose that the composition further comprises additional ingredients or that the oil used is capric/caprylic triglycerides.

Kalamazoo Holding, Inc. does disclose that the composition is an essential oil for cosmetics and it is well known in the art to use an essential oil in conjunction with a variety of auxiliary components include those recited in the instant claimed invention in cosmetics composition for their art recognized purpose. Additionally Kalamazoo

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Holding states that the oil used is not critical to the invention and only required that the medium be oleaginous, that it does not dissolve the solid ascorbic acid particles and compatible to the extent of the intended use (see page 30, lines 1-8). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to use the any oil including that of the instant claimed invention since the material meets the requirements of the prior art in the absence of a showing of criticality or unexpected result.

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6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communication from the examiner should be directed to Michael A. Williamson whose telephone number is (703) 308-1235.



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